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Remarks

The Office Action mailed 16 January 2004 was received and reviewed. Claims 4, 16 and 29 have been amended. Claims 4 and 29 were amended for reasons of clarity. Examples of support for the claim amendments is found within the specification at original claim 5, and at page 9, line 22. Claims 4, 6, 12-21, 23, and 27-29 are currently pending.

Applicants noticed that claim 23 was omitted from the list of pending claims in the Office Action mailed 16 January 2004. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 23 is in condition for allowance because it depends from allowed claim 4.

Claim Objection

The Examiner objected to claim 16 because it referred to a "helper T cell". Applicants have amended claim 16 according to the Examiner's suggestion so that it now refers to a "helper T cell epitope". This amendment is believed to obviate the Examiner's objection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 16 is respectfully requested.

Claims Allowed

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 4, 6, 12-15, 17-21 and 27-29. For reasons described above, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 23 was inadvertently omitted from the list of pending claims and would be properly includible in the list of allowed claims, as well.

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Claims 4, 6, 12-15, 17-21 and 27-29 having been allowed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 16 and 23 are also in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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